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USUN FOR LOWENSTEIN

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TAGS: EFIN, EAID, ECON, PO, GW
SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL

1. ALLARD LOWENSTEIN, CHIEF US DELEGATE TO UN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, MET WITH SOARES MARCH 19. AFTER
DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (SEPTELS),
LOWENSTEIN ASKED SOARES, AN OLD FRIEND, IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER WAYS
IN WHICH HE COULD BE HELPFUL. WAS THERE A PARTICULAR
MESSAGE HE COULD CARRY BACK TO USG?

2. SOARES SAID INDEED THERE WAS--A VERY IMPORTANT ONE.
HE TRACED BRIEFLY THE HISTORY OF THE CONSORTIUM LOAN
"WHICH THE USG HAD AGREED TO PUT TOGETHER TO ASSIST
PORTUGAL." WHILE HE (SOARES) HAD NOT BEEN FAMILIAR WITH
THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE USG AND THE FRG PRIOR TO HIS
RECENT VISIT TO BONN, SOARES WAS WORRIED THAT ADEQUATE
COORDINATION HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE LAST YEAR.

3. SOARES EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH THE USG AND THE FRG AGREED
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ON THE PRINCIPLE OF MEDIUM TERM BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL. HOWEVER, DIFFERENCES ON
PROCEDURE HAD ARISEN WHICH THREATENED TO "DETOUR THE
LOAN." SOARES EMPHASIZED THAT THE LOAN IS ABSOLUTELY
ESSENTIAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL,
THAT HE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FRG/USG DIFFERENCES
AND THAT HE HOPED THEY COULD BE RESOLVED ASAP. LOWENSTEIN

AGREED TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON.

4. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THIS IS THE SECOND TIME
SOARES HAS RAISED THE CONSORTIUM LOAN FOLLOWING POEHL'S
VISIT TO WASHINGTON (LISBON 2067). SOARES PLANS TO
SEND CONSTANCIO TO MEET WITH POEHL THIS WEEK IF POSSIBLE.
IF DEPT WISHES TO HAVE ME BRIEF SOARES ON WHAT TRANSPIRED
IN WASHINGTON AND/OR SUGGEST TO HIM ANY PARTICULAR
APPROACH CONSTANCIO MIGHT TAKE, REQUEST I BE FURNISHED
WITH AN ACCOUNT OF THE POEHL MEETING AND WITH APPROPRIATE
INSTRUCTIONS.
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